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AND STRUCTURES FORMED THEREBY
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Response to the Election of Species Requirement dated October 25, 2004, in the above-identified application.

Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____. The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	33	Minus	33	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	10	Minus	3	0	x \$84.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes, and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0; a check for \$ _____ is included.

_____ sheets of amended drawings are enclosed;

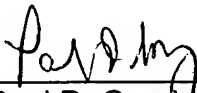
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A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 23, 2004

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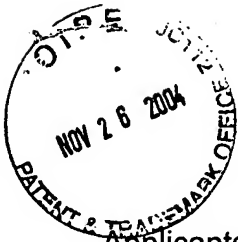
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated October 25, 2004, applicants hereby elect as follows:

The claims of Group I drawn to a closed air gap interconnect structure had previously been elected in response to a Restriction Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the Species represented by Fig. 2h, which defines a closed air gap interconnect structure according to the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to the species represented by Figs. 2a-4b.

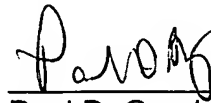
Applicants respectfully submit that upon allowance of claim 1, the remaining claims of Group I should be rejoined.

Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and allowance of the pending claims.

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